Prices of non-Scheduled formulations are fixed by the manufacturers themselves keeping in view various factors like cost of production, marketing/selling expenses, R&D expenses, trade commission, market competition, product innovation, product quality etc. Prices of these drugs are regularly monitored and corrective measures taken where public interest is found to be adversely affected.

Revamping of fertilizer units

1979. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the GAIL has asked the Department of Fertilizers to sound out fertilizers companies along the routes of the gas major's newly envisaged pipeline from Jagdishpur to Haldia to sign up for supply gas;

(b) if so, whether the now closed factories of HFCL at Barauni, Durgapur and Haldia, FCI at Gorakhpur, Sindri and Duncan at Kanpur have been instructed to sign up for supply of gas; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the future steps envisages for revamping of the plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (c) Government has recently granted authorization to GAIL for laying Jagdishpur-Haldia pipeline. In terms of the authorization issued, the pipeline must be commissioned within 36 months from the date of the start of the project, i.e. the date of publication in official gazette of notification under sub-section (1) of Section 3 of the Petroleum & Minerals Pipelines (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Act, 1962 pertaining to land relating to the pipeline.

Further, the fertilizer companies willing to revive the closed units in this sector are already in discussion with GAIL for firm commitment/agreement for connectivity and gas availability. No agreement has been finalized yet.

Gas price

1980. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that RIL had invited bids from fertilizer companies to determine gas prices;

(b) if so, the names of fertilizer companies which participated in the bids;

(c) what are the indicative pricing benchmarks indicated by such companies; and

(d) the details of benckmark prices which are realistic for the fertilizer industry to be globally competitive?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The fertilizer companies which are participated in the bid are Rashtriya Chemicals and